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MONTAUK LAKE FRONT | \$3,699,000

This beautiful traditional 3,000 sq. ft. 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home is situated on Lake Montauk. It features a gourmet kitchen, double sided fireplace that opens to living room and media room. Lake views from the open gourmet kitchen and living areas. Floor to ceiling sliders open out to deck with stunning water views. Enjoy outdoor entertaining in heated gunite pool, hot tub, exterior wood burning fireplace and private path that leads to water. web # 518701

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This beautiful bayfront traditional has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths in main house, plus full bath in pool house. Eat in kitchen, stainless appliances, open floor plan, living room with fireplace, A sunroom where you can enjoy fabulous sunsets. The lower level features a bedroom with fireplace, full bath and door with access to the water and dock. Swim in the heated gunite pool. web # 37850

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SERENITY IN SAG HARBOR | \$2,295,000

Set on a vast property of 2.4 acres. With approx. 4,600 SF of living space, including 1,500 SF finished basement complete with fitness, media rooms and full bathroom, the open plan and floor-to-ceiling windows allow bright light to spread throughout the rooms. This beautiful home offers 4 bedrooms, with master suites on both the first and second floors. Heated pool and hot tub. web # 530098

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3 BEDROOM - GORGEOUS YARD AND POOL AREA | \$1,875,000

Water Mill home has stylish layout and a gorgeous peaceful yard with heated pool and bluestone patio. Open living, kitchen and dining area with multiple sliders to deck. Two good size guest rooms - one with doors out to pool area and a bathroom that also has an outdoor pool entrance. Upstairs has a great master suite - large room, bathroom and walk in closet. Ideally located on a quiet cul-de sac minutes from Southampton Village. WebID 555346

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PREMIUM NEW CONSTRUCTION | \$1,850,000

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BARNES LANDING TRADITIONAL | \$1,825,000

This 3,500 square foot shingle-style traditional home built in 2007 offers a gracious Hamptons getaway. Step into the striking foyer which opens into an over sized great room with a wood-burning fireplace, wainscoting, and dining area with French doors opening onto the deck and private backyard. The backyard is exceptionally private with mature landscaping, lawn, and a 20'x40' heated pool. web# 492163

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SPACIOUS EAST HAMPTON VILLAGE FRINGE | \$3,795,000
4 bedrooms, 4 full baths and 2 half baths. The main floor offers an sunny living room with fireplace and attached reading/sun room on one side and with a formal dining room open to a generous chefs kitchen with marble counter tops on the other. Heated gunite pool and outdoor patio with plenty of room to entertain or to simply sit back and relax in the beautifully landscaped garden. web # 526060

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WATER MILL UPSCALE HOME | \$3,850,000
Amazing newly built home of three floors with front door made of cypress and mahogany nine inches thick which was a shop door in Buenos Aires, gracious dining room, chef's eat in kitchen, sitting room, balcony, pool room, wine room, bar, sauna, amazing movie theatre with seats from Al Capone's theatre in Chicago, 7 bedrooms, dramatic staircases, apartment above the 3 car garage, heat pool with hot tub, full size tennis court and spacious yard. web# 384579

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FIVE BEDROOM SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE | \$4,175,000
5 bedrooms, including a master bedroom suite on the first floor with an adjacent office/sitting area, a grand master bedroom suite on the second floor with a cathedral ceiling and french doors. The living room features a 11-foot coffered ceiling and french doors, spacious open kitchen with Viking appliances, 20 x 40 foot heated gunite pool and pool house which includes a kitchen, full bathroom, living room, shaded veranda, and attached garage. web# 49074

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BRIDGEHAMPTON SERENITY | \$3,495,000
Situated on 1 acre close to the village and Hampton classic this new 5 bedroom 5.5 bath has everything you will need. Open living areas filled with light, designer kitchen, expansive outdoor decks and patio all over looking the pool area. Fully finished basement with family room, office, bed and bath.

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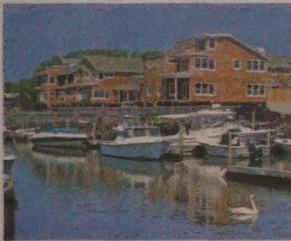
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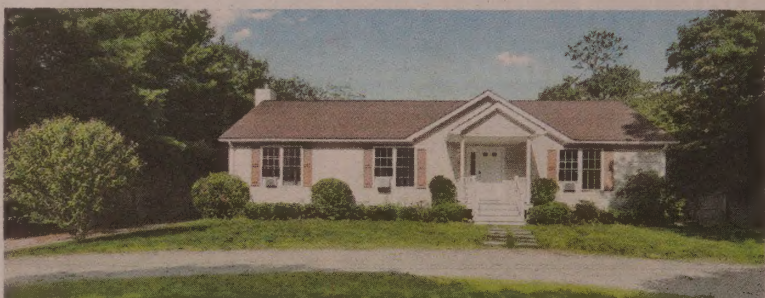
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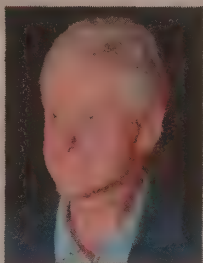
Eli Manning

Quogue's **Eli Manning** was honored at Super Bowl 50 during a pre-game ceremony celebrating past Super Bowl MVPs. Manning earned this esteemed title twice, in 2008 and 2012. Coldplay, headed by Amagansett's **Chris Martin**, wowed the crowd during the halftime show in Santa Clara, California last Sunday. **Bruno Mars** and **Hamptons** regular **Beyoncé** joined the singer.

Hamptons regular **Blythe Danner** appeared on ABC's *The View* last Wednesday to talk about her role in *Madoff*, a TV movie about former Montauk Ponzi schemer **Bernie Madoff**. In the two-part special, Danner played **Ruth Madoff** to **Richard Dreyfuss**'s **Bernie**.

Hamptons resident **Hugh Jackman** hosted a screening of his upcoming film, *Eddie the Eagle*, at New York's Landmark Sunshine Cinema last Tuesday. Southampton's **Calvin Klein** attended the screening along with other celebs. In the movie, Jackman plays the fictional **Bronson Peary**, the coach of **Eddie "the Eagle" Edwards**, a British laborer turned Olympian.

Hamptons fan **Bill Clinton** will receive the 2016 Global Humanitarian Award from the Maestro Cares Foundation, an organization that supports the homeless and needy children in developing Latin American countries. **Marc Anthony**, Maestro Cares co-founder, will perform at the event, which takes place on February 16 at New York's Cipriani Wall Street.



Bill Clinton

Quogue's **Michael J. Fox** will join **Christopher Lloyd** and **Lea Thompson** at the first-ever Silicon Valley Comic Con in San Jose, California next month. The *Back to the Future* co-stars will participate in special signings, photo opportunities and panel discussions on March 19.

Southampton Hospital's Ellen Hermanson Breast Center received a generous donation from the Cintas Corporation, in the form of 50 gifts, each worth over (Continued on page 18)

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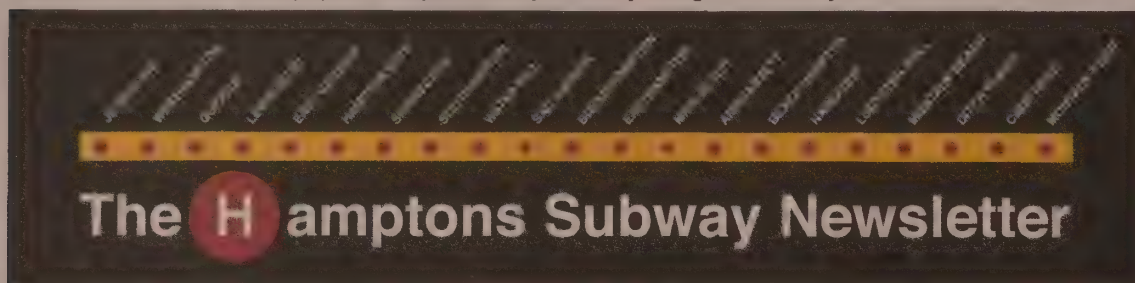
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BY DAN RATTINER

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DOWN IN THE TUBE

Actor Alec Baldwin was seen riding the subway from Amagansett to Napeague with East Hampton Town Supervisor Larry Cantwell Tuesday. Christie Brinkley was seen riding the subway between Bridgehampton and Wainscott with Southampton Village Mayor Mark Epley Thursday. Billy Joel was seen riding the subway between Sag Harbor and Noyac with Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman on Saturday.

CAUCUS PROBLEMS

The Hamlet of Hampton Bays, which traditionally chooses to select the Hamptons Subway Commissioner by caucus, held it this year on the subway platform there. Citizens for one candidate gathered on one side. Citizens for the other candidate gathered on the other side. Chaos occurred, and everyone got confused with the subway riders crossing the platform

between the turnstiles and the trains. In the end, they flipped a coin and Commissioner Bill Aspinall got their vote rather than that dastardly woman Anita Atlas running against him. Not an honest bone in her body, let me tell you.

EDIBLE ORGANIC GARDEN

Charles Longpants, a subway car cleaner in the maintenance crew out at the Montauk Yards, was awarded second prize for the edible organic garden he grew last summer in the northwest corner of the Yards. The prize was awarded by the National Subway Association at the annual conclave in Kansas City last week. It was in the "neatest rows" category, eastern division, 2015. Congratulations, Chuck!

TRASH BASKET PROTEST

As I am sure everybody knows, the trash baskets on all the subway platforms were removed on the first of the year to save maintenance costs. Riders must now take their trash with them. Oddly, the stations are quite clean as a result. Anyway, last Wednesday, members of Straphangers for Trash each brought three of their personal

trash baskets to every platform and left them there. They want Hamptons Subway to empty them. We won't.

SIRENS REMOVED

Because of rider complaints, the noisy sirens that sound for 10 seconds to announce the arrival of trains to the platforms have been removed. They've been sounding since the subway was founded. Hamptons Subway was the only subway system in America to have such sirens. And now they're gone.

COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE

Last Wednesday, Hamptons Subway police uncovered an elaborate scheme to steal riders' subway cards. The matter came to my attention when hundreds of riders passing through the turnstiles at the Water Mill Station called my office that morning to report that the third swipe card reader from the left side was "eating" their swipe cards. It would be ripped out of their hands and gobbled up into the system as they swiped it through. An investigation I ordered immediately discovered that someone had been tampering with that swipe card reader from below.

In a subbasement, someone had put up a step ladder that reached the ceiling, climbed up it and jackhammered through the concrete ceiling to reach the underside of the steel mechanism inside that reader. He or she had arranged to have the cards "plucked" down and into a canvas sack nailed to the ladder. Today is Friday. He or she has not returned to abscond with the loot. But when he or she does they are in for a surprise. 🐼

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11th Annual Love and Passion: Peace, Love and Understanding at The White Room Gallery

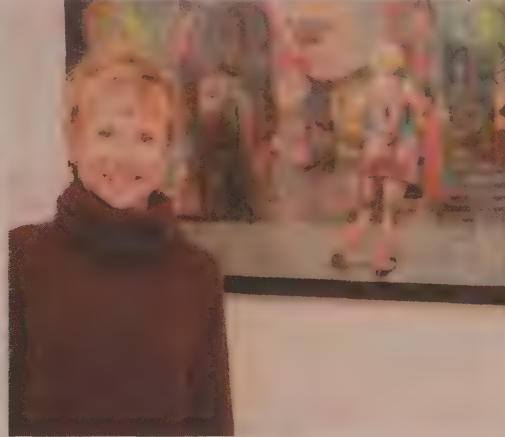
Karyn Mannix Contemporary and The White Room Gallery presented the 11th Annual Love and Passion Peace, Love and Understanding, A Juried Show, on Saturday, February 6. The exhibit runs through February 28 in Bridgehampton. Photographs by Barbara Lassen



Karyn Mannix



Artist Rosa Hanna Scott and Reverend Walter Silva Thompson



Artist Judy Clifford



Artist Daniel Pollera and his wife, Nancy

The Beatles & The Rolling Stones Tribute Concert at The White Room Gallery

Local musicians heated up Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor for the annual "All the Hits" Beatles & Rolling Stones concerts last Friday and Saturday. Photographs by Daniel Gonzalez



1. Mick Hargreaves, Dawnette Darden and Joe Lauro stepped up to the mics to bring a little "Good Day Sunshine" to Bay Street
2. Randolph Hudson rocking some Stones with fellow guitarist Jim Nanos
3. Tiffany Harding sings with John Sparrow, rendering some great Stones hits

Neoteric Night at The Parrish Art Museum

The Parrish Art Museum in Water Mill held the first Neoteric Night hosted by Scott Bluedorn on January 29. It brought together local creative professionals of all disciplines with the intent to stimulate networking and collaboration. Photographs by Jennifer Mehofer



Scott Bluedorn, of Neoteric Fine Art, hosts Neoteric Night at the Parrish Art Museum



Beth McNeil-Muhs presents her organization Artful Home Care at Neoteric Night



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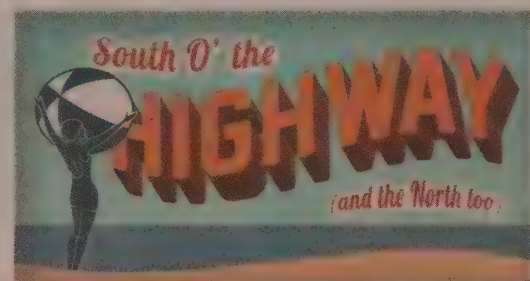
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\$1,000. The gifts will be included in "pink ribbon bags," given to patients undergoing treatment for breast cancer. A special thanks to Cintas Corporation and the hardworking members of the Ellen Hermanson Breast Center, including **Edna Kapenhas**, MD, Medical Director; **Elizabeth Bulanowski**, RN; **Susan Barry Roden**; Community Outreach Coordinator; and **Anna Silverberg**, NP. The Ellen Hermanson Foundation winter gala, Denim and Diamonds, will take place on February 13. Hosted by **Tim Burk** at 230 Elm, Southampton, Denim and Diamonds is honoring Roden, The Ellen Hermanson Breast Center's legendary Outreach Coordinator and Patient Navigator, and **Charline Spektor** of BookHampton, creative innovator in the world of ideas and books. Featuring food from local chefs, wine and spirits tastings, a silent auction and live auction, music provided by local DJ **Sam Santiago** and line dancing. The Ellen Hermanson Foundation recently awarded Southampton Hospital two grants totaling \$275,355 to fund technology and patient support services at The Ellen Hermanson Breast Center.

East Hampton resident **Jerry Seinfeld** surprised audience members at Joe's Pub at the Public in New York last Thursday. The crowd, gathered for comedian **Gad Elmaleh**, wasn't expecting Seinfeld's 10-minute opening performance. In June, Elmaleh will serve as Seinfeld's opening act during the comic's run at the Beacon Theatre. Seinfeld dropped by the Manorville Starbucks recently—a "comedian getting coffee."

Area St. Paddy's Day parade marshals are gearing up for the wearing of the green. This year's marshals include: **William Hughes**, Hampton Bays (Saturday, March 12), **John Murray**, Westhampton Beach (Saturday, March 19) and **Captain Paul Forsberg**, Montauk (Sunday, March 20).



Scarlett Johansson

Amagansett resident **Scarlett Johansson** has teamed up with **Vanessa Johansson**, her older sister and a successful voice actress, to record an Audible audio book of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*.

Moving pictures: Amagansett's **Alec Baldwin** was shooting his new comedy, *Drunk Parents*, in New York last week. In the film, Baldwin and **Salma Hayek** play a couple who, after leaving their daughter at college, have too much to drink and find themselves in some sticky situations. The movie also stars (Continued on page 24)

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Mute Swan Talks

The Hamptons Swans Will Proudly & Willingly Return to Belgium

BY DAN RATTINER

Last week, I drove down to Town Pond in East Hampton to visit the beautiful white swans that swim around there. A law was passed in New York State last year that will make the swans illegal in this state. All of them are to be killed. This will be done a little at a time. By 2025, there will be no more mute swans in the State of New York. Hunters will get them. I parked my car by the side of the pond. There were four swans paddling around. Then one of them came toward me and—this is hard to believe—began to talk.

"Psssst," he said. "Hey you."

"You're talking!"

"We can't remain mute any longer," he said.

"So you know?"

"We've heard of the plan."

"I'm really sorry," I said. "A lot of us fought against the new law. The DEC says you are an invasive species, brought here from Belgium in the 1890s to paddle around the ponds of rich men's estates for their viewing pleasure.

But you drive off indigenous birds and small animals. You take over."

"I wouldn't call it that."

"We called our state legislators. We wanted you left alone. They wrote up a bill that would have modified the new law and allowed you to stay. But Governor Cuomo just vetoed it. I feel bad."

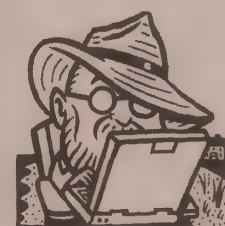
"I'm speaking for the others."

"What do you have to say?"

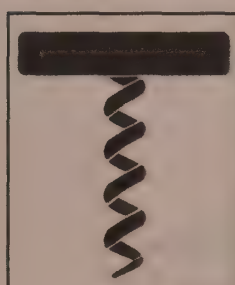
"I want to say it was never our intention to come here. In Belgium, our ancestors were rounded up and taken to America against their will. We were a happy group in Belgium. The weather was milder, the summers longer, the people friendlier. Here, everybody's rush-rush, the people doing something. We will be happy to go back to Belgium."

"What are you talking about? You are not being returned to Belgium."

"Antwerp is my ancestral homeland. My family remains there. We now have a branch in Brussels, and in Bruges. We get postcards. Wish you were here. Pictures (Cont'd on next page)



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Swans (Continued from previous page)

of the tulip festival or the Ghent University Botanical Gardens on the front. We'll be happy to go back. And you shouldn't feel so bad about it."

"You're not listening to what I said."

"Look. We were brought here illegally. We have no papers. That was not our fault. We don't want to be where we are not wanted. But we are in some kind of limbo. I'm told they want to build a wall."

"There is no wall."

"No wall is necessary. We'll go peacefully. We'll need a little time to pack our bags. We'll go."

"Who told you that you were going to Belgium?"

"A man from the DEC was here. Two men. They were talking. We heard what they said. We are a proud people. We will go, our heads held high, tail feathers wiggling, our webbed feet marching us along."

"To where?"

"To the ships. At the docks in Brooklyn, where we get on the ships going to Belgium."

I just didn't have the heart to tell him the true plan.

"So you came down here to say goodbye I guess," he said, "and I salute you. Yes, I am talking to you. We salute you. We all salute you." He pointed with one of his wings to the others. "*Vaya con dios*, as we say in Belgium."

This is just so sad. The plan is not to take anybody back to their homeland. The plan is, slowly but surely, to hunt them down and kill them off. Take away their eggs. Throw blankets

over the heads of some of the swans—we're not all evil—and take them by truck to New Jersey or Connecticut and let them decide what to do. As for the others, if we can't catch them, we call in the hunters to give the coup de grace, so to speak, a snootfull of buckshot until they die.

The swan began singing. He has a deep baritone. Who knew?

"We shall overcome," he sang. "We shall overcome some day. Deep in my heart, I do believe, we will overcome, one day."

He sat down. And with that, another mute swan, this one a bit bigger, came out of the pond. His beady yellow eyes locked with mine. He waddled forward toward me, hissing.

The other swan got up.

"Junior," he said, "get back, I'm handling this."

But Junior didn't stop. He came right at me and I ran for my car, hopping in and slamming the door just before Junior got to me. Junior began beating my car door with his wings. He pecked at the driver's door. Then he was pecking at my tires rat-a-tat-tat.

"Junior, that's quite enough."

I drove off, slowly at first so to be sure I was not running over Junior. Then I picked up speed and headed down Main Street and away, up North Main, past the windmill and under the railroad overpass to Three Mile Harbor Road. I looked in my rearview mirror. I had escaped. Junior was nowhere in sight.

There was an announcer speaking on the radio.

"The Village of Manlius in upstate New York

asked the DEC for a swan exception waiver for the beloved swan couple Manny and Faye in the Village Pond the other day, and it had been approved," he said.

The DEC plan originally would have resulted in Manny and Faye getting hit with two shots of a hunter's gun, but now the DEC will allow Manny and Faye to continue to live in the Village Pond, and, if they have cygnets, the cygnets can live there too, until March 2016. The public can watch them paddling around as swans do, the mother swan at the front, the cygnets in a cute little row and the daddy swan bringing up the rear until then. After March, the exception expires, but because they had an exemption, they will not be shot, they will be spared, and the mom and dad and cygnets are will all be rounded up in a gunny sack, put in cages and taken to Pennsylvania for a further public viewing for awhile, and then flown off to London, England.

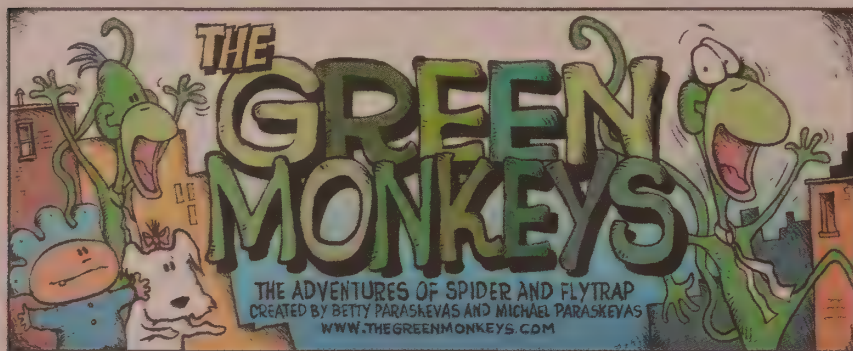
"The swans displace native wildlife species, degrade water quality, threaten avian species and destroy submerged aquatic vegetation," the announcer was saying.

Maybe I could get an exception for the East Hampton swan that talked to me. That's pretty special, a mute swan talking like that.

I remember the last thing he said as I was driving off, not to me, but to Junior who was still strutting around on the edge of the pond.

"Can't we all get along?" is what he said.

This whole thing is so sad. I wish that something could be done. 🐾





Dan Rattiner

It's a snowy winter on the East End.

Out My Window

A Bird's-Eye View of Life on Three Mile Harbor Over the Years

BY DAN RATTINER

The picture you see above was taken from my living room on February 8. It is looking southwest out through the sliders and across our deck to where the sun sets over Three Mile Harbor every afternoon. The Hamptons offers great views over water everywhere. This is one of them. And this year is the 40th anniversary I have enjoyed this particular view.

Forty years ago, for reasons I still do not understand, I went through a divorce. I had never expected it, and I didn't want it. Our two children were five and three at the time.

Having thus failed at marriage, I became depressed and found solace in watching sunrises and sunsets out here. The sun rises over the sea and it sets over the bays and harbors. I'd enjoy this activity walking along the beaches or, on bad weather days, sitting in my car. It was something grand and important that could be counted upon.

It was at this time, moving out of the family home, that I came upon this house on Three Mile Harbor Road where I could enjoy a sunset almost every night. It was for sale, and I bought it from a man named Richard Levin for \$41,000.

I remember the first day I saw this house. There were tenants living in it, and out by the garage there was a boy of about 10 playing basketball where a hoop was set up on the front of the garage. It was just at sunset.

I didn't know quite what to say to him. "Are there sometimes really great sunsets?" I asked.

He bounced the ball. "We have our red ball days," he replied.

I made my home office a table in the center of the living room facing directly out toward the sunset. This "office," 17 feet above sea level, was my cockpit, my power position in the house. It has remained so to this day. My kids are grown and gone and it's an empty nest now. Nevertheless, I still love it.

In the early days of my tenure here, serious fishermen kept their boats in the slips in front of my house. The harbor was home to clambers and lobstermen, to commercial fishermen and sport fishermen. In the summertime, the men would go out in their boats. In the afternoon they'd return, their bags filled with fish. At this part of Three Mile Harbor, most of my neighbors were Bonackers, men and women who had been living in East Hampton since

colonial times and who earned their living from the sea.

I thought, being amongst them, I ought to have a small boat in one of the slips, just to putter around the harbor. I called the town to rent a slip. There was a three-year waiting list. I put my name on it. I couldn't believe I'd have to wait three years, but there it was. Then I saw there were rowboats with little outboard engines on the back, sitting just off a beach that separated these slips with those of Gardiner's Marina next door.

Making inquiries, I learned these boats were Bonacker boats for clamming. They paid no fee. They just parked their boats there. So I bought a clammer boat and parked it there. I didn't clam. I used it to take the kids up the harbor to one of the three waterfront restaurants near the inlet. The sun would lower, I'd start up my 2.5 hp engine, and off we'd go in the clammer boat on this long, adventurous journey at 3 miles an hour, to dinner. We'd motor back through the sunset. It was a wonderful, beautiful time.

After the three years were up, I called the town and asked if I could (Cont'd on next page)

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rent a slip. They rented for \$400 a summer.

"Don't see your name on the list," the clerk said.

We've watched schools of fish jumping out of the water, seabirds diving for them, white swans gracefully paddling along...

I got angry. I yelled. I had a receipt somewhere. "Okay, okay," the clerk said. "You're next."

The rowboat with the outboard looked very tiny in the slip the following year. So I got a bigger boat and then a still bigger boat. You

always get a bigger boat. It's true. I went from the rowboat to a speedboat with a steering wheel to a bigger, faster speedboat you could use to tow a water skier, to a used cabin cruiser with twin bunks in the bow, shag rugs throughout and a dynamite stereo system on which to play John Denver 8-tracks.

One of my sons, when he was 16, took the cabin cruiser out for a short spin with my approval and wound up spending the night sleeping in it at Groton, Connecticut. I was not happy he did that.

Another time, having a picnic lunch onboard with my new wife while anchored in the harbor halfway to the inlet, a sudden squall hit, creating violent seas, sideways rain and blackout conditions. We were now dragging anchor,

heading for who-knows-where and taking in the sea over the railings. I radioed for help, and 10 minutes later a Bonacker with a much larger ship came through the storm to lash the two ships together and head for shore, where rows and rows of cars were parked with their bright beam headlights on to guide our rescuer through the dark rainstorm home. I have never forgotten this.

The rowboat with the outboard looked tiny in the slip the following year. So I got a bigger boat. You always get a bigger boat. It's true.

Once, in spite of what the laws said, a seaplane landed in the harbor as we motored up for dinner and roared by, nearly running my little family down. There were times in the summer when athletic folks would swim the two miles across the harbor and back early in the morning to start their day. Several years, red tide closed the inlet to clamming. Twice in 40 years, during storms, the banks of the harbor overflowed onto the lawn in front of our house. The last time was during Sandy. There was one winter the harbor froze and people went ice skating on it.

One peaceful summer day, sitting out on the deck, I watched as an enormous 150-foot yacht with a new red Fiat on its roof come poking down our little inlet, come to a stop, and then begin to go backwards, creeping along to finally get itself back out the way it had come in.

We've watched schools of fish jumping out of the water, seabirds diving for them, white swans gracefully paddling along and huge turkeys taking off from the shore to flap with great effort high enough to cross the harbor.

When the kids were small, I bought a ship-to-shore radio and put it in our living room to listen to the emergency channel. I called the Coast Guard to report a sailboat stuck on a bar inside the inlet. One Sunday, when the marinas were not pumping gas, I hauled a can of it from my garage to a slip to give a sailor some. For two summers, holding drinks, friends and I would fire a salute cannon from our deck as the sun went down. I installed a flagpole on the front lawn and lowered the flag to half-mast when others did.

Today, a lot has changed. Many Bonacker families, offered millions for their little homes, have moved away, their homes now occupied by the extended families of Hispanic immigrants who are largely not seafarers. The docks are not as busy. Many boats just sit there all summer.

Their rich owners drive their guests down Three Mile Harbor Road in their BMWs, slow down, point, and then say "That's my boat. Let's eat." And drive off.

Oh, I should mention taxes. My first year here, the property taxes were \$540. Last year they were \$11,000.

And we're setting up for another stunning red ball sunset tonight. 🌅

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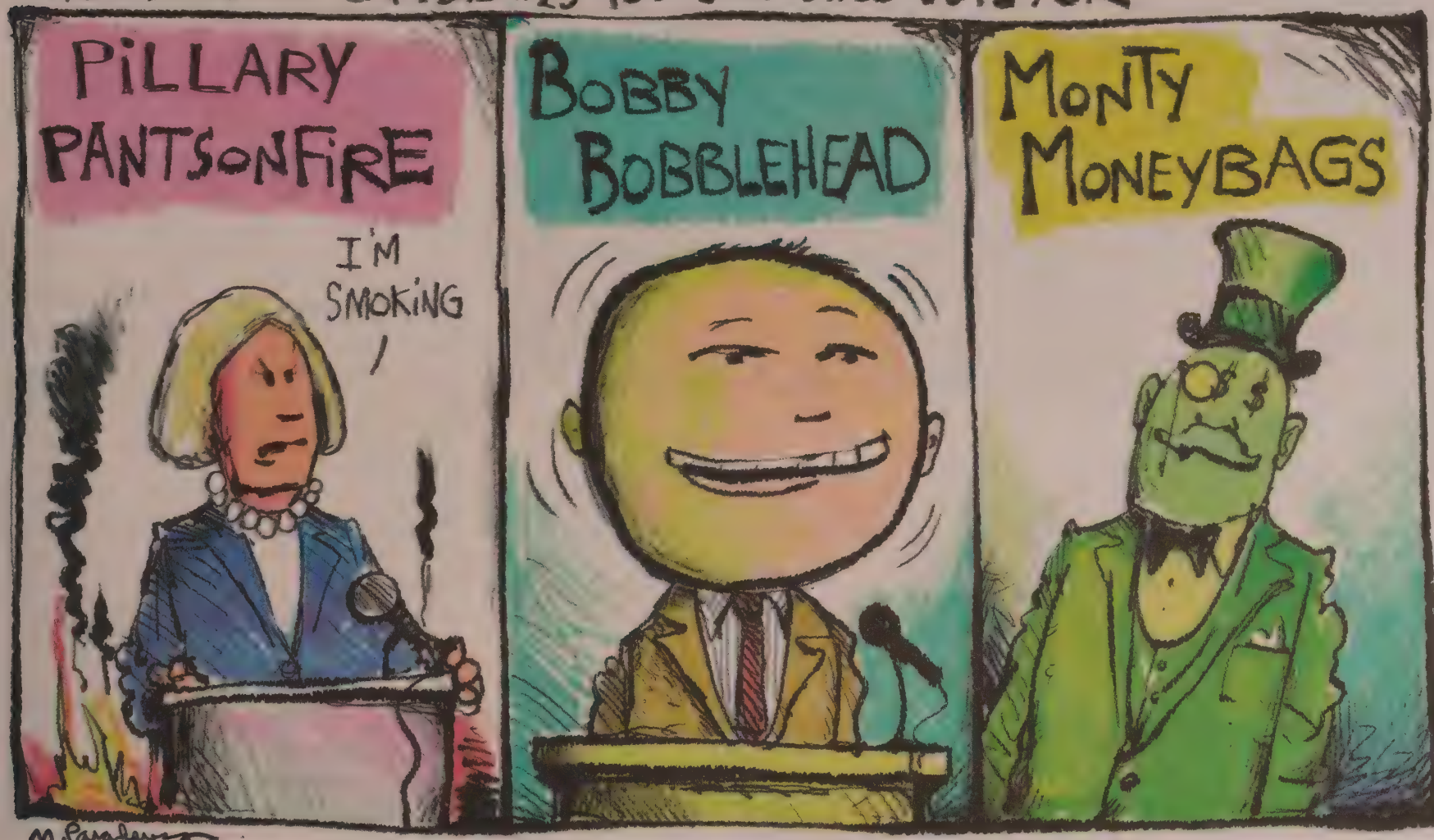
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PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES YOU CAN STILL VOTE FOR



Presidential Thoughts

Girdles, Hair Extensions, Facelifts, Speech Therapists, Nutritionists

BY DAN RATTINER

The campaign for President of the United States has been a fascinating thing to watch. Three of the oldest candidates have transformed themselves physically since the thing began. Hillary Clinton looks years younger and has learned how to talk with authority and with an impressive loud-but-non-threatening voice. Bernie Sanders never had a problem with what he had to say, but there was definitely a problem with how he said it. He used to have a habit of wiggling his lower face the way some old people do, particularly those who have false teeth. I forgave him that. But now he doesn't do it anymore. Donald Trump always had that ridiculous orange "piece" on the top of his head. It looked to me like a wig, with the sweep of it down over his forehead. Many others thought so too. But now it's no longer orange but a golden blond, it's coiffed in a way that reminds me of Liberace, and he says it's real—pull my hair, he's offered—and I believe him. My guess is it's implants or hair lengtheners. Whatever.

This is what happens when you get a Botox doctor, a speech therapist and a hairdresser together, and there's probably a stop-munching doctor afoot somewhere.

You might say that none of this really matters, it's where the candidates stand on the issues.

And there's some truth to that. Bernie Sanders stands for liberalism. There are people starving in America and we should see to it that every one of them has food. And a car. Hillary Clinton explains the complexity of various issues pretty well, and so you have to do this and a little of that, but then you have to worry about over here and how that might stick out to the people of Finland or something. It sounds very establishment, which is good, but also it sounds very establishment, which is bad, because who needs the establishment when the gap between rich and poor is widening? Americans are giving up looking for jobs, sitting around getting fatter and fatter, watching things on TV and lacking in any enthusiasm for anything because gridlock seized the government and so nobody in charge is actually doing anything.

As for Donald Trump, he hasn't proposed anything other than one thing. He came up with an economic plan that made no sense. He has, instead, taken to calling everybody names so we can enjoy laughing at everybody along with him—imagine that, a billionaire who is our friend. He has insulted women, his opponents, liberals, the media, the sitting President and everybody else who does not agree with him. He's insulted England, immigrants, Syrians, Mexicans, even Belgium last week when he described Brussels as a hellhole. He insulted a

woman who was one of his opponents by asking the audience, and I paraphrase, "do you really want somebody who looks like a battle axe to be our next President?" And he's called the new Pan-Asian Treaty and national health care and anything else anybody has done or wants to do "the dumbest thing ever done." And "wrong." And "I will fix it when I get to be President."

I am trying to understand what there is to like about having Donald Trump as President. Recently, you could begin to see what a President Trump might look like. He will bring the media to its knees, he will tell China where to get off, and he will do a happy little Trotsky dance with his friend Putin. Last week he refused to attend a Republican debate if Fox insisted on allowing journalist Megyn Kelly to be the moderator. Fox did, and he didn't. Finally, he wants the votes for the guy who beat him in the Iowa Caucus declared illegal so there can be a revote, so now he could win.

Here's another thing. In a country that is 30% obese, have you noticed that every single candidate but one is thin? Is there a stomach stapler afoot? A New Jersey girdle maker?

Thank goodness for this campaign. In short order, all the issues will be sorted out and the government can get moving again. 🐸



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Joe Manganiello, Bridget Moynahan, Ben Platt and Jim Gaffigan. Sag Harbor's Joe Lauro, best known locally as the bassist for the Hoodoo Loungers, will have his documentary *Fats Domino and the Birth of Rock 'n' Roll* featured on the acclaimed PBS documentary series *American Masters*. The documentary will air locally on WNET-NY (Channel 13) on Friday, February 26 at 10 p.m.—which just happens to be Fats Domino's 88th birthday!

British perfume brand Jo Malone London is partnering with the John Jermain Memorial Library in Sag Harbor to create a fragrance garden at the landmark building. The public garden will open this spring.

Booking it: East Hampton yoga teacher Susan Verde has written an instructional picture book for children. *I Am Yoga* explains the physical and emotional benefits of the practice, and includes pictures and directions for 16 poses. *Kirkus Reviews* gave the book a starred review and said, "Empowering affirmations and playful illustrations will inspire both children and adults to slow down and strike a pose." Bridgehampton historian Ann Sandford has been hard at work on a new book, a biography of her ancestor Senator Nathan Sandford. Empire Science Resources has just released Sag Harbor poet and performing plumber Terry Sullivan's *The Birds of Sag Harbor Notebook: A Conversational Survey in Poetry, Prose, Photography and Prints*. The colorful tome is available locally from Canio's Books in Sag Harbor and the South Fork Natural History Museum & Nature Center in Bridgehampton. *Birds'* forward was contributed by Dan's Papers' "View from the Garden" columnist Jeanelle Myers.

Outta here: Celebrity hair stylist Marc Zowine is off to Miami on a private jet this week to do some lucky lady's hair. Whose hair? He doesn't style and tell.

Congratulations, Tony Ingrao and Randy Kemper! The East Hampton interior designers were selected for *Architectural Digest's* annual AD100 list. The list "names the world's best architects and designers who are shaping the way we live—one building, one house, one room at a time."

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Talking with Cover Artist Reynold Ruffins

BY JOAN BAUM

HONORING THE ARTIST



Reynold Ruffins' vibrant, fanciful-exotic take on Adam and Eve shows why this multiple award-winning native New Yorker and long-time Sag Harbor resident has been called a revolutionary force in the field of graphic art. A founding associate in Push Pin Studios, one of the country's most prestigious art firms, Ruffins worked alongside Milton Glaser, Edward Sorel and Seymour Chwast to create innovative logos and designs for world-famous clients and has helped to chart a commercial style recognizable for its expressionistic juxtapositions and exaggerated forms. Ruffins also collaborated with Whoopi Goldberg and famed jazz musician Herbie Hancock on the acclaimed children's video *Koi and the Kola Nuts*.

Ruffins's many awards reflect his reputation as one of Cooper Union's most prominent graduates. He received its Presidential Citation and was a recipient as well of its Augustus St. Gaudens Award for outstanding professional achievement in the arts. Other honors include The New York Art Directors Club Award, The Society of Illustrators' Silver Medal and the Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award for the numerous children's books he collaborated on, doing the illustrations but also contributing riddles and anecdotes. At the

ripe young age of 86, Ruffins, professor emeritus at Queens College, CUNY, is happily painting away.

Exemplifying the wit and humor that inform so much of his work, Ruffins suggests that "Adam and Eve" as a *Dan's* cover might be a slightly naughty nod to Valentine's Day.

You've been described as an "American painter, illustrator, graphic designer." Do you like the word order?

American illustrator, graphic designer, painter might be good. The cover piece is more of an illustration. I don't want to draw the line between "illustration" and "painting," though. The words are unclear. I've seen a lot of lousy paintings in my day and so many wonderful illustrations. The stained glass windows at Sainte-Chapelle are illustrations because they tell a story.

I've worked all my life in acrylic except when I did oils as a student. Because acrylic is fast-drying and the illustration world is always on deadline, I'm not that crazy about acrylic, but I still work in it, maybe with more leisure nowadays to consider tactility—you can work thin or let paint pile up. I've been painting about 20 years, since I've been out here a lot, but these days, I don't feel pressed to finish anything. In some cases, I pull out an old work and think, hmm...that could use a blob of red.



So maybe I'll do some touch-up from the past. It doesn't matter to me if I don't complete a painting. I like entertaining myself. I'll do a sketch and maybe I'll crumple it up or save it.

Your paintings are non-representational but your training was academic traditional. What led you toward the abstract?

Klee, Kandinsky and Picasso were early influences when my father took me to the Modern [MoMA]. I still remember going up the stairs and seeing Picasso's "Girl Before a Mirror." Design was always essential, starting with my days at The High School of Music and Art, which changed my life.

I recall the pleasure I had doing other [non-abstract] stuff, such as the map and flyer materials I did for the Bronx Botanical Garden. One day when Aaron Copland was performing on the lawn there and people were filing in with my materials, my kids said "Daddy did that?"

Ruffins will be joined by his daughter, Lynn Ruffins Cave, on July 19 and 20 at Ashawagh Hall, where she will be exhibiting her beadwork, along with the work of three other artists. Ruffins will show a range of pieces. Viewers can also see a partial exhibition list that includes Paris, Milan, Bologna and Tokyo at reynoldruffins.com

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BY VALERIE SAN FILIPPO

Looking for some fun activities for your kids this winter vacation? Take a look at these exciting and educational weekday activities. Whether you're searching for a full-day camp program or just a few special hours to enjoy with your child, here are four picks of this winter vacation's kids' camps.

Bay Street Theater is offering a school vacation theater camp titled "My Life: The Musical." The camp will take place from February 15-19 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day. The camp is for children ages 8-12, and it costs \$425. This weeklong program gives kids a well-rounded experience of musical theater performance, including acting, singing and dance. Students will be taught the history of musical theater and will learn important performance skills through hands-on theater games and improvisations. They will also learn about songs and choreography, and are also given the freedom to create their own performances, if they desire. The week will conclude with a chance for each child to step into the spotlight in a show for family and friends on Bay Street's Mainstage. Bay Street Theater is located at 1 Bay Street in Sag Harbor. Call the office at 631-725-0818 or visit baystreet.org for more information.

For even more children's theater on the East End, **Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center** is offering two winter camps this year, one for kids ages 5-7 called Cabaret Kids, and one for students ages 8-11, Tween Theatre Troupe Après Ski. Cabaret Kids is a half-day camp, February 15-19 from

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Young campers will learn showtunes from favorite musicals such as *The Sound of Music*, *Matilda*, and *The King and I*. The kids will showcase all they've learned in a family and friends performance on Friday, February 19 at 11:30 a.m. Tuition is \$300. The Tween Theatre troupe is a full-day camp, from 9am-3pm, February 15-19. Tweens will hone their acting skills as they perform an original skiing-themed play, written just for them by the West Hampton Beach Performing Arts Center Artistic Staff. The play will be performed on Friday, February 19 at 3 p.m. Tuition is \$450. Visit whbpac.org for registration information, or bring registration forms to 76 Main Street, Westhampton Beach.

Guild Hall is hosting vacation art classes for kids grades K-8. The classes take place Tuesday through Friday, February 16-19, from 10-11:30am. Students will learn to create art projects inspired by the works in the Student Art Exhibition. Each day will feature the use of a different medium, from watercolor, to sculpture, to portrait. The cost is \$10 per child per day, \$9 for members children. While you're there, check out the muses of the art class, part 1 of the Student Art Festival. Now in its 24th year, the Student Art Festival features over 3,000 pieces by local student artists from Bridgehampton to Montauk. The exhibit is open on Monday, Friday, and Saturday from noon-5 p.m. Admission is free. 158 Main Street, East Hampton. Visit guildhall.org for more info, and to reserve your child's place in art class.

For a weekday of family fun, visit the **Long Island Aquarium** in Riverhead. Monday through



What will your child do this break?

Wednesday, stop by for the Shark Tank Talk and Feed program to learn about these predators of the deep, and watch them eat their lunch. On Tuesday, stop by for the Lost City of Atlantis Tank Talk. Wednesday will feature a Piranha Talk and Feed. Top off the week with a Penguin and Pajamas Family Sleepover. From Thursday night into Friday morning, join the adventure as you learn about the aquarium's resident penguins. After dinner, unroll your sleeping bag and enjoy a screening of Happy Feet, then fall asleep to the gentle light of the fish tanks. The event will conclude with a continental breakfast. Aquarium tickets are \$27.95 for adults, \$21 for children. Children under the age of 2 are free. 431 east Main Street, Riverhead. Visit longislandaquarium.com and call 631-208-9200 for more information.

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Feldman Brings Latin Vibe to Jam Session

BY EMILY WEITZ

The Jam Session at Bay Burger has become a mainstay on the East End music scene since its inception in 2011. It's a casual, easy night of music where world-class musicians play beside up and coming locals. And from the joy on their faces and the ease in their melodies, audiences are reminded why it's called "playing." These men and women are having a good time.

Claes Brondal, who co-founded the Jam Session, always wanted it to be a night of improvisation, open for the community to grow and experiment. But after many years of perfecting the Jam, he decided it needed something fresh. That's why he created the guest musician series, where he brings in a different musician every week to inspire the house band and bring in something different for the loyal crowd of listeners. This week, saxophonist Oscar Feldman will bring his Latin jazz prowess to the mic, undoubtedly inspiring the hips to swing.

Feldman, who has more than 50 albums to his credit and has recorded with some of the great jazz legends, grew up in Cordoba, Argentina. Raised on music, he started playing saxophone at 15. By 19, he moved to Buenos Aires, where his career really took off.

"Buenos Aires was where all the musicians I admired lived," Feldman says. "There weren't so many sax players at the time, so I got a lot of gigs. I was playing with some of the best musicians in Argentina, and entered into the big world of music."

He says it was important to learn how to play with great musicians, and also how to play with not so great musicians. He spent his years practicing, performing and getting paid for music, which really gave him the confidence that he could live this life. In 1992, he got a scholarship to study at the Berklee College of Music, where he learned about the history and theory of jazz.

"Until then I wasn't composing," he says. "I was an interpreter and performer. At Berklee, I started to compose and play in big bands. These were experiences I didn't have in Argentina."

When he finished at Berklee, New York was calling to him loud and clear.

"New York is the capital of the jazz world," he says. "It's where all these different musicians from different communities converge."

He found the Latin jazz scene, as well, to be alive and kicking.

"There's an epicenter here," he says. "I strongly believe that this city is where the *crème de la crème* lives, and the communities are big and numerous. You can get inspired by the environment."

This, he says, is key to creating jazz. You have to soak in your environment, to feel it, to respond to it.

"What we are doing is environmental music," he says. "Jazz has a very alive quality, and we need to



Oscar Feldman

get the energy and inspiration just by being in the environment. To be in a place where people breathe jazz—that's the key to becoming a better musician." Feldman has traveled all over the world, and he's amazed by the way jazz musicians connect no matter where they're from or where they are.

"Jazz has a miracle in it," he says. "It's one of the only styles where you can be in China, and go to a jazz place, and you meet the other guys and call a song and start playing. That's magical. And that's what's happened in Sag Harbor."

Feldman has played at the Bay Burger Jam Session before, and he's enjoyed the spontaneity. He believes that, for both musicians and audience, it's about being exposed to the unknown. It's about not knowing what's coming next, and the essential quality is that the music is live. It's happening now, and it's an exchange between the musicians and the audience.

"We are creating this circle of love," he says, "where musicians are not only playing together, but in front of the audience. The audience can feel the energy, and they give us that love."

The Jam Session takes place every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at Bay Burger, 1742 Bridge-Sag Turnpike, Sag Harbor. Check out thejamsession.org.

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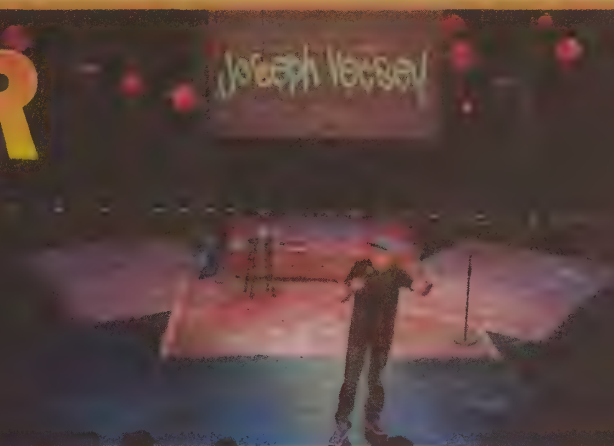
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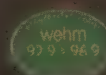
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BY VALERIE SAN FILIPPO



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Don't forget about the **Old Town Arts & Crafts Guild Valentine's Day Extravaganza** this Saturday. It's your one-stop shop for any last minute gifts, but don't worry, these gifts won't seem last-minute at all. With a fine selection of antiques, art and jewelry, you're sure to find something to suit your valentine's taste, with just one day to spare. Stop by from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Peconic Recreation Center, 970 Peconic Lane, Cutchogue.

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And while we're thinking about the kids, don't forget about summer camps! Check out our spread on page 26 for information on shopping around for your kids' summer activities. 🐼

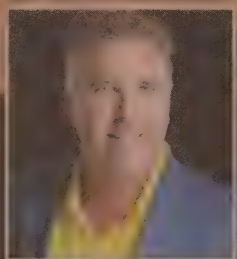
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8 p.m. Benefits Project Most. \$15. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the South Fork, 977 Sag Harbor Turnpike, Sag Harbor. 631-537-0132

ALL STAR COMEDY SHOW AT BAY STREET THEATER

8 p.m. Featuring Dante Nero and Chris Clarke. 1 Bay Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-9500 baystreet.org

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

VALENTINE'S EVENT AT ARF ADOPTION CENTER

11 a.m.-3 p.m. Open house and low-cost vaccine and microchip clinic. ARF Adoption Center, 91 Daniels Hole Road, Wainscott. 631-537-0400 arfhamptons.org

2ND ANNUAL SEED SWAP AT SCCC

1-4 p.m. Meet other gardeners, farmers and seed savers. Talks, panels and demonstrations throughout. Free. Suffolk Community College Riverhead Campus, 121 Speonk Riverhead Road, Riverhead. lirscc.org

VALENTINES POETRY READING AT ROMANY KRAMORIS

4 p.m. Featuring Sag Harbor's Megan Chaskey. 41 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-2499 kramorisgallery.com

CLOSING PARTY: ADAM HANDLER AT VERED GALLERY

7 p.m. Closing reception for the artist. Vered Gallery, 68 Park Place, East Hampton. 631-324-3303 veredart.com

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10 p.m. Featuring Necter, the Tweekers and the Shipwrecks.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

TABLE TALK AT GUILD HALL

11 a.m. Susan Krieger: What Your Face Reveals. Free. 158 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0806 guildhall.org

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Noon. Special Oyster brunch benefiting Slow Food East End. \$125. Art of Eating, 74A Montauk Highway, Amagansett. 631-734-8401 slowfoodeastend.org

ONE BILLION RISING AT GUILD HALL

3 p.m. Singers, songwriters, poets, writers and other community members are invited to participate to end violence against women. Presented by The Retreat and The Neo-Political Cowgirls. Free, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0806 guildhall.org

THIS WEEKEND'S KIDS' EVENTS

CARDBOARD EXPLOSION! AT BAY STREET THEATER

2/13, 11 a.m. For ages 5 and up. Puppeteer Brad Shur transforms simple cardboard shapes into elaborate characters and brings five original stories to life. Goat on a Boat Puppet Theatre at Bay Street Theater, 1 Bay Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-9500 baystreet.org

VALENTINE'S DAY PRE-K DANCE AT MONTAUK LIBRARY

2/13, 11 a.m. For ages 2-5. Wiggle, dance, shimmy and shake to fun music and play with educational toys. Montauk Library, 871 Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-668-3377 montauklibrary.org

FREE OPEN ART STUDIO FOR KIDS AT GUILD HALL

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2/13, 1 p.m. For ages 3-12. Professional bakers from Citarella teach a fun class. All decorations and sugar cookies are supplied. \$8 general/\$6 members. Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0806 guildhall.org

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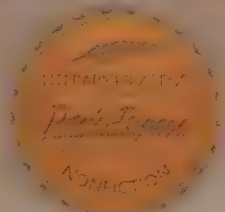
2/14, 11 a.m. For ages 3-12. Dance, sing and have white glove tea service. Long Island Aquarium, 431 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-208-9200 longislandaquarium.com

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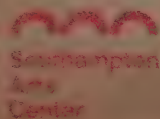
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Hampton Coffee Company Opens in Aquebogue

BY KELLY LAFFEY

There are many reasons to indulge in a daily cup or two of coffee, that deliciously caffeinated beverage that begins its modest life as the seed of berries from the *Coffea* plant—likely in South America, Africa or Asia—and makes its way from birth to harvest to roastery to your morning routine.

On the rural North Fork of Long Island, those reasons are heightened.

Perhaps you need a pick-me-up prior to hitting the shops in Riverhead; you actually left early enough to make the Cross Sound Ferry and have time to enjoy the drive; or you've spent the day lounging at the wineries and need some extra motivation to stay awake that evening.

Whatever the prior impetus, there's now a new one: Local coffee has come to Aquebogue.

Hampton Coffee Company, which offers locally roasted cups of joe, has expanded beyond its South Fork roots. Established by husband and wife team Jason and Theresa Belkin in Water Mill in 1994, Hampton Coffee has since opened locations in Southampton and Westhampton Beach. Each brings a unique experience.

The new North Fork establishment is conveniently located right on Route 25, less than a half mile east of "that big intersection" with Cross River Drive, the one South Forkers will turn left on to get their fix of the necessities Riverhead offers. A quick pit stop at Hampton Coffee will provide all the fuel you need for leisurely jaunts east to the wineries; or

slightly more hectic drives west to run errands.

The Aquebogue location keeps with the theme of the others: All once serviced cars. Southampton was formerly a Mini dealership; the Water Mill café was a garage and gas station in the '40s; and the Westhampton Beach location was once a gas station.

The bones of the Aquebogue garage are still there, and Hampton Coffee has renovated and resorted the space, using such eco-friendly methods as LED lighting, Energy Star equipment, permeable parking lot material and single-stream recycling of its waste. Like the Water Mill location, the establishment has two large doors that have been refurbished and now allow for ample sunlight to enter. In the warmer months, the doors can be opened to let in a breeze.

Hung photographs showcase how the place once functioned. Visitors can clearly see what the space was, and what it has become. The wall between the old garage and the office area has been knocked down, creating a light, airy and open ambiance—exactly what a coffee shop should be. Hampton Coffee is inviting and cozy, making good use of all available space. Tables line one wall, and bar stools dominate other eating—and sipping—areas. Once spring arrives, dining will also be available on the outdoor patio and at picnic tables out back.

Though the Water Mill location is the only Hampton Coffee space with a dedicated on-site café, the Aquebogue location features freshly made muffins, scones, croissants and cinnamon rolls. They also offer grilled-to-order panini, salads and soups. In addition to pouring its signature Hampton Classic



The "bean bar" inside the new Aquebogue location

Blend Coffee, the location features a special Organic North Fork Blend, as well as a bean bar, so customers can create their favorite variations. Of course, an experienced barista is available to craft specialty espresso drinks.

Like any good coffee shop, the place is already becoming a go-to community hub, one that the Belkins are excited to be a part of. Locals and tourists are welcome to meet friends for mid-afternoon chats; and those who work from home can take advantage of Hampton Coffee's free WiFi.

Hampton Coffee Company will be open year-round, 6 a.m.–6 p.m. daily, with extended hours during the summer. Hampton Coffee Company is located at 272 Main Road, Aquebogue. For more info, visit hamptoncoffeecompany.com or call 631-779-2862.



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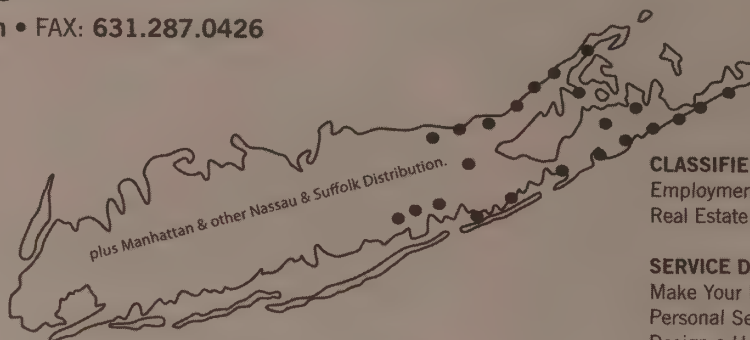
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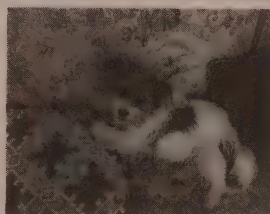
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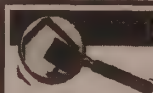
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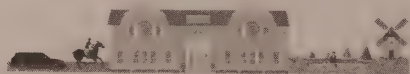
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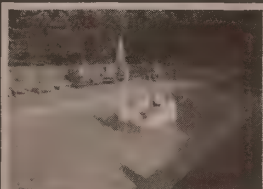
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Don't Sign Out of Possession Title Affidavits

BY ANDREW M. LIEB, ESQ., MPH

When your neighbor lists their house for sale, proceed with caution and see an attorney immediately if you are presented with an out of possession title affidavit or a boundary line agreement. This affidavit or agreement is a writing wherein you, as a neighbor, swears, under the penalties of perjury, that you do not assert an ownership claim to real estate which has been used by you as if it were your own. Meaning, part of the property owned by your neighbor in their deed, such as a driveway, fence, shrubs, bulkheading, wood chopping area, boat storage, or the like, may have been used by you for a period of time sufficient to transfer the ownership to you through legal concepts called either adverse possession or a prescriptive easement. However, the new purchaser wants this affidavit or agreement so you disclaim your ownership rights. The property at issue generally concerns some area at or around the boundary line between your property and that of your neighbor. Commonly, neighbors that need such an affidavit didn't have their properties' demarcated by surveys, stakes and monuments and as a result, the neighbors just used the property as they saw fit during their existence in harmony as neighbors. Everyone got along until one of the neighbors decided to sell their house and now the purchaser wants ownership over the entirety of what she is buying, except for the problem that you are still using some of her future property as if it is your own.

So, what happens? A well-intentioned real estate agent is typically sent to get the affidavit or agreement signed. The agent is told by one of the transactional attorneys that the deal is going to fall apart unless the agent can get this affidavit signed. So, the real estate agent goes to the neighbor and explains that the title insurance company is blocking their neighbor's real estate sale unless this stupid affidavit is signed. Then, the salesperson employs a measure of guilt by explaining that their nice neighbor needs this document in order to sell their house and that this is the only item that is stopping the deal and a nice neighbor would sign it. Isn't that the neighborly thing to do? To be clear, neighbors should not sign these affidavits or agreements until they speak to their own attorney.

An out of possession title affidavit expressly waives an ownership right existing by way of either of two similar legal concepts called adverse possession or a prescriptive easement. These legal concepts manufacture the ownership of real estate by use rather than through a deed. In such, an individual has a claim to own property by way of adverse possession where four elements have existed for 10 continuous years, including that the (1) use was hostile and under a claim of right (i.e., infringing on the owner's rights as if its one's own and without the owner's permission); (2) use included actual occupation of the parcel (i.e., improving or cultivating the land or,



Read on before you become "just neighborly."

instead, protecting the land by an enclosure); (3) use was open and notorious (i.e., use creates actual notice to the true owner of a hostile claim); and (4) use was exclusive (i.e., holding the land for one's own use and benefit, not for another).

In contrast, a prescriptive easement requires all of the same elements except that the use of the property doesn't need to be exclusive and the occupation isn't required to be actual, so such a prescriptive easement presents a lesser burden to obtain ownership as compared to adverse possession. However, unlike adverse possession a prescriptive easement only gives a right of use, not ownership, over the real estate. Additionally, it's noted that



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the adverse possession law changed in 2008 and anyone whose claim of use for 10 continuous years commenced after 1998 will consequently have a different legal standard to obtain ownership through adverse possession. For the 10-year periods that started after 1998, the element of hostility now requires a reasonable belief that the claimant has title to the property, and adverse possession cannot be established through an intentional trespass onto another's land. Further, the actual occupation can no longer include non-structural encroachments such as fences or hedges or plantings.

Regardless, a title affidavit or boundary line agreement waives both of these ownership rights (regardless of the year that the use was started) by expressly stating on its face (in some variety of the following language) that: "I do not own the Strip of Land and that Strip of Land is not included in the deed to my property." Further, it states that such use was "with permission of my neighbor." Lastly, it includes a release of "any right, title and interest" which may have been acquired in the property through the above referenced legal concepts of adverse possession and a prescriptive easement. So, why in the world would anyone ever sign such a document?

Neighborly is one thing, but giving up your rights without "just compensation" is another. There are two options that a neighbor can do while maintaining his claim. The first is to simply refuse to sign the affidavit or agreement. In this situation the purchaser is not prevented from buying the property except where the appraised value of the property without the claimed land does not satisfy a lender's terms to issue a loan. Yet, beyond this valuation issue, the only effect for a purchaser of an inability to obtain the title affidavit or agreement will be that the purchaser's title insurance company will refuse to insure that portion of the premises subject to the neighbor's

ownership claim by way of excluding it from the policy. The second option is to force the issue. In this situation, a neighbor can assert their ownership claim and negotiate for some right of continual use or simply pursue the ownership claim to judgment in court. Perhaps the neighbor can settle for an easement that expires when the remaining neighbor vacates the premises. This can be a win-win scenario

for all involved. Notwithstanding these possibilities, Hamptonites are advised never to sign these affidavits or agreements without first consulting with their attorney. 🏠

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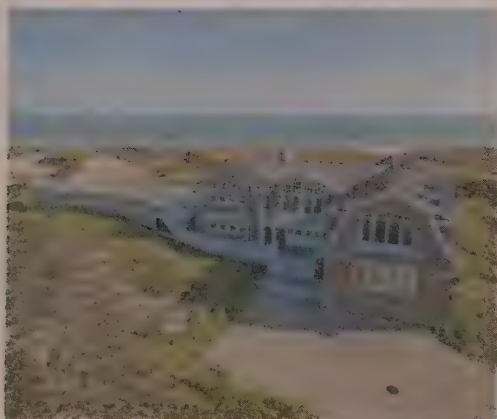
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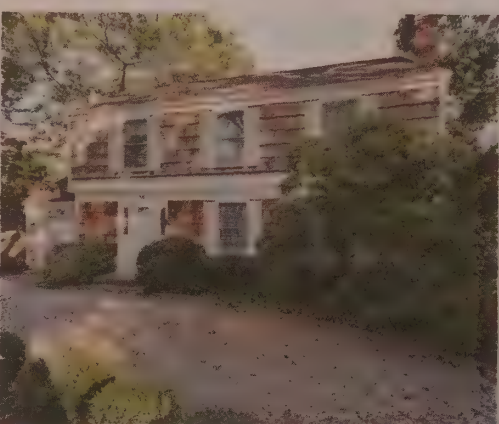
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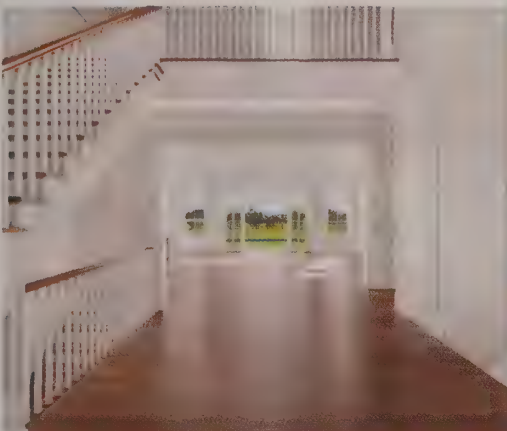
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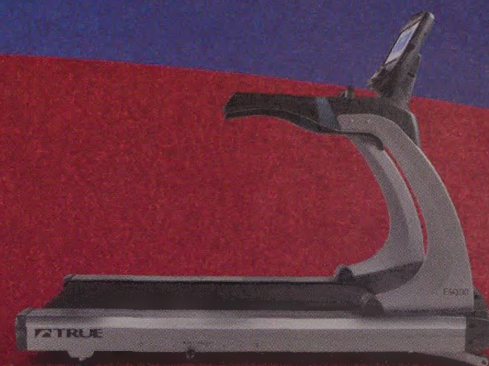
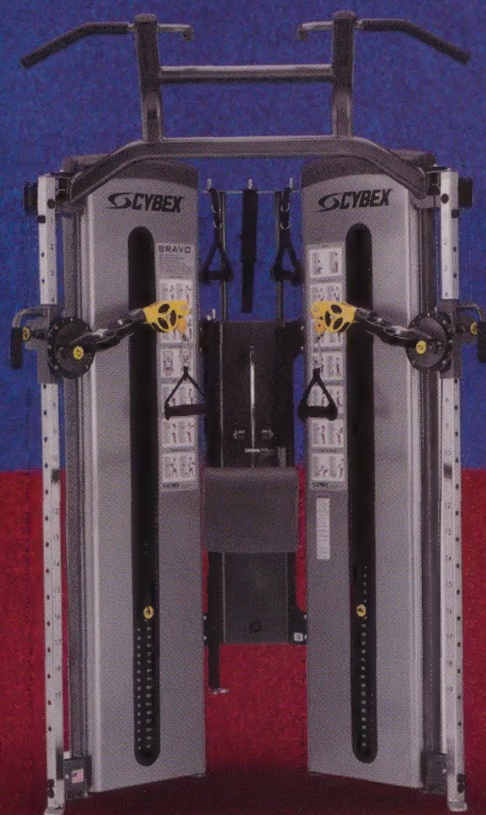
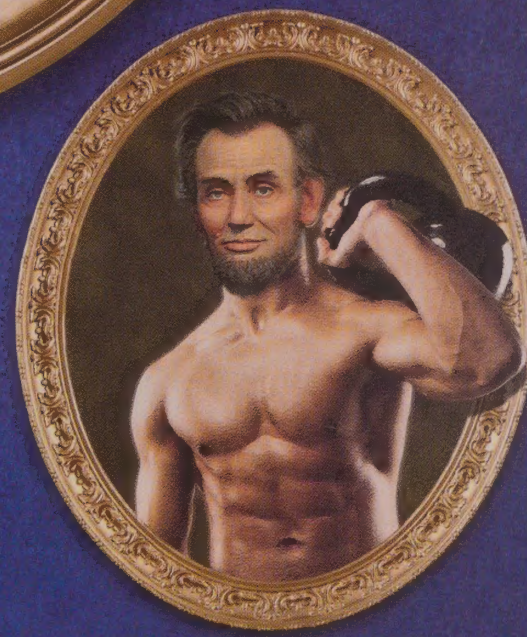
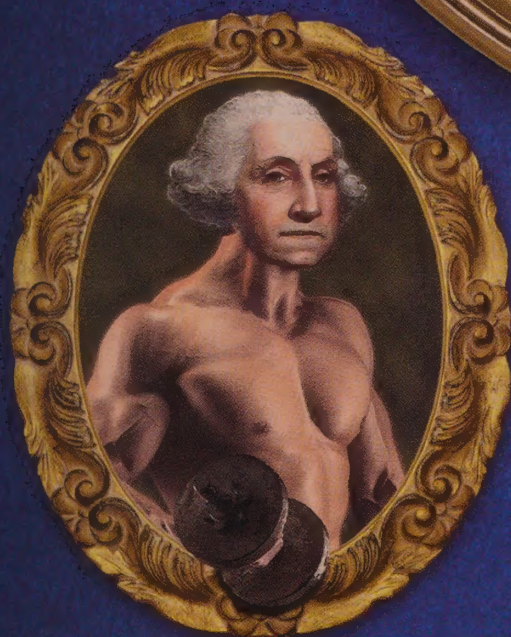
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